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**NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION
OF PANCHAYAT RAJ**

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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

REGISTRATION OF "RYTHU RAJYAM PARTY"

Order No. 22/TSEC-L/2018:— Sri M.B. Balakrishna, President of the proposed, "**Rythu Rajyam Party**", has applied for registration of his political party under the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001 with the Telangana State Election Commission on 23-12-2017.

2. The Commission set in motion the process of registration of the "**Rythu Rajyam Party**", as per the provisions of Symbols Order, 2001, by directing the Party to publish a public notice calling for objections from the general public for registration of the said political party. The Party has published a notice in two daily news papers, i.e., Sakshi Telugu daily News paper and The Hindu, English daily news paper, dtd: 22-02-2018.

3. Further the Commission has hosted the notice in the TSEC web portal on 12-03-2018 and also published in the extra ordinary issue of Telangana Gazette No. 22, dated : 12-03-2018 calling for objections if any from the general public for registration of "**Rythu Rajyam Party**" with the TSEC.

4. The Commission has received two objection petitions for registration of "**Rythu Rajyam Party**" one from Sri Kallem Upender Reddy, Founder President of "Rythu Rajyam", a Non Profit Trust and another from Sri B.Mangilal, President of "Rythu Rajyam Party " whose application for registration of the Party is pending at ECI, stating that, the name "**Rythu Rajyam Party** " resembles with that of their Associations.

5. The Commission conducted a personal hearing with all the three parties on 23-04-2018. Both the objection petitioners and the applicant were appeared for hearing and the objection petitioners were reiterated their positions as filed earlier.

6. As per Para 3(8)(iv) of the Symbols Order, 2001, the name of the Party Proposed to be registered with SEC should not be resemble the name of the political party already registered with SEC. Both the Associations of objection petitioners are not registered with SEC. Hence the Commission overruled both the objection petitions.

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and Paragraph 3 in Part II of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001, the Telangana State Election Commission, hereby, registers the **"Rythu Rajyam Party"** as a political party without a reserved symbol, subject to condition that the Party shall open bank account and PAN within 7 days from the date of receipt of the order as required under sub-para 4(a) (viii) of para 3 in Part-II of Symbol Order and furnish the details thereof to the State Election Commission. The registration shall not entitle the party for reservation of any exclusive symbol for it. However, the candidates duly setup by this party in local body elections (held on party basis) will be entitled to preferential treatment over independent candidates in allotment of free symbols under paragraph 5A(a) of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001.

6. Under paragraph 3(9)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Symbols Order, 2001, the party shall

- > communicate to the Commission, without delay, any change in its name, head office, office- bearers, address or in any other material information.
- > maintain true accounts of its income and expenditure, and particularly maintain separate accounts for the expenditure incurred in connection with local body elections, indicating details of the expenditure incurred on the general publicity of the party, and Candidate-wise expenditure incurred for promoting the election of specific candidates set up or supported by the party in various elections to local bodies;
- > maintain accounts and copy of the annual audited accounts along with a copy of the income-tax returns, if any filed under the law for the relevant financial year and shall submit that copy in the office of the Commission within a period of six months after the end of the relevant financial year, even if it is "NIL" it has to be audited and submitted as "NIL".
- > observe the provision of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Body Elections issued by the Commission;
- > follow or carry out the lawful directions and instructions of the Commission, given from time to time, with a view to furthering the conduct of free,fair and peaceful elections or safeguarding the interests of the general public and electorate in particular.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad,
02-05-2018.

M. ASHOK KUMAR,
Secretary.

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